



United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service
**South Carolina Crop Progress
and Condition Report**



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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service's South Carolina Field Office, there were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 6, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.07 inches of rain up to 2.38 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the low 70s.

County Extension Comments

“Afternoon showers slowing corn harvest. Peanuts benefitting from the moisture.”

Charles Davis, Calhoun County, District 50

“Some areas have had some rain, and this has helped improved forage and conditions for fall vegetables. Some farmers are direct seeding some fall vegetables as a result of recent rain events.”

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County, District 50

“Little to no rain fell during the week which allowed continued progress in corn harvesting. Cotton continues to open and defoliant have been applied to a few fields. Soybeans and peanuts are continuing to improve in condition and yield potential. No insect or disease problems reported this week.”

Hugh Gray, Allendale County, District 80

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/06/15

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Mature	100	98	98	99
Corn - Harvested	81	65	78	70
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	54	30	42	32
Hay - 2nd Cutting	99	90	NA	NA
Soybeans - Blooming	96	90	98	94
Soybeans - Setting Pods	83	64	67	72
Soybeans - Colored	14	NA	18	6
Tobacco - Harvested	86	81	98	92

Crop Condition for Week Ending 09/06/15

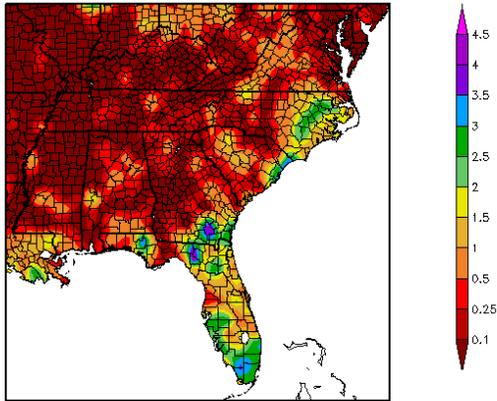
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	3	25	71	1
Cotton	2	8	55	33	2
Hay	0	12	37	51	0
Pasture and range	3	21	35	39	2
Peanuts	0	4	42	50	4
Soybeans	5	13	40	38	4

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/06/15

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	11	15	9
Short	47	40	29
Adequate	41	44	60
Surplus	1	1	2

Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	16	17	NA
Short	47	41	NA
Adequate	36	41	NA
Surplus	1	1	NA

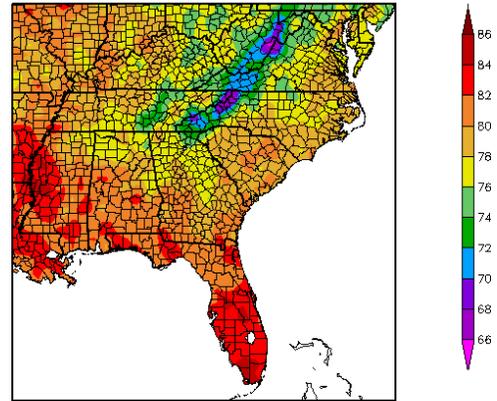
Precipitation (in)
9/1/2015 – 9/7/2015



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Temperature (F)
9/1/2015 – 9/7/2015



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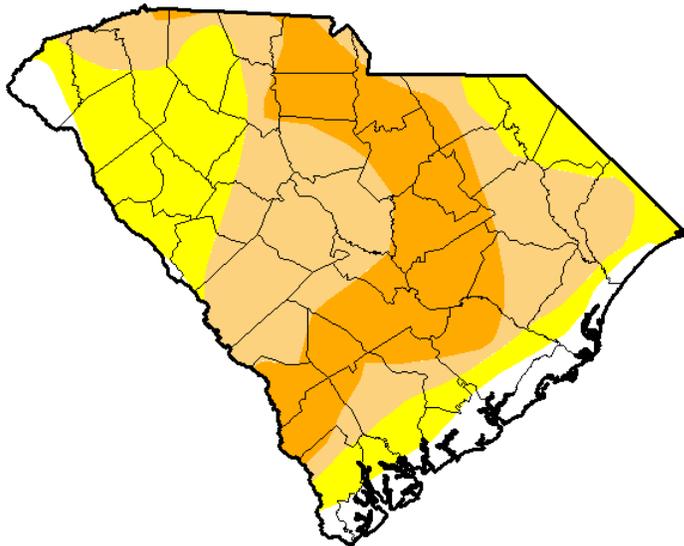
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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary:
http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2015.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	8.39	91.61	63.98	26.73	0.00	0.00
Last Week 8/25/2015	8.34	91.66	63.79	26.73	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 6/2/2015	28.88	71.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 1/20/2014	96.63	3.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 9/30/2014	47.90	52.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 8/2/2014	58.44	41.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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